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SUBJECT: ICELANDERS SEIZE BRITISH TRAWLER

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1. ICELANDIC GUNBOAT DISABLED AND SEIZED BRITISH TRAWLER C.S.
FORESTER YESTERDAY AFTER LATTER VESSEL ALLEGEDLY FOUND
FISHING WITHIN 12 MILE LIMIT.

2. FORESTER WAS REPORTEDLY FIRST SIGHTED ABOUT 0610 JULY 19,
SOME ONE AND ONE HALF MILES INSIDE 12 MILE ZONE IN WATERS OFF
HVALBAK IN EASTFJORDS REGION. ICELANDIC GUNBOAT PURSUED
TRAWLER, URGING SURRENDER, THROUGHOUT MUCH OF DAY. AT ABOUT
1640, GUNBOAT FIRED EIGHT SHOTS, STRIKING TRAWLERS ENGINE
ROOM AND REPORTEDLY DISABLING ELECTRICAL SYSTEM. FORESTER
WAS THEN SEIZED, CAPTAIN ARRESTED, AND TRAWLER TAKEN TO
PORT OF SEYDISFJORD, WHERE IT WAS TO ARRIVE THIS MORNING.

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EM COMMENT: THERE IS NO RPT NO CONNECTION BETWEEN THE
EVENTS SURROUNDING BAN IMPOSED BY ICELAND FOR CONSERVATION
PURPOSES REPORTED REFTTEL A AND THE INCIDENT HEREIN REPORTED,
WHICH INVOLVES APPARENT VIOLATION OF 12 MILE LIMIT WHICH UK
ALSO RECOGNIZES. LATTER INCIDENT TOOK PLACE OFF EAST COAST
OF ICELAND, WHEREAS CONSERVATION AREA EXCHANGE CONCERNS
NORTH WEST AREA OF ICELAND. IT IS UNFORTUNATE, HOWEVER, THAT
BOTH HAVE OCCURRED AT THIS TIME BECAUSE IT PROVIDES OPPOR-
TUNITY FOR PEOPLES ALLIANCE TO DISTORT INCIDENTS AND INFER
ASSOCIATION WHERE NONE EXISTS, THUS GAINING SOME POL-
ITICAL ADVANTAGE. NOTHING STIRS THE IRE OF ICELANDERS MORE
THAN VIOLATION OF ITS CLAIMED FISHING GROUNDS.
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